MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD SMSAs

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MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

BILL NIBLACK, LABOR ECONOMIST RANDALL CLARK, ANALYST DATA MONTH: SEPTEMBER, 1984

The number of jobless Missourians dropped further in September, as the state's unemployment rate fell below 6 percent for the first time since 1979. Just under 140,000 Missourians were estimated to have been unemployed in September, a drop of about 12,400 from the August level. The unemployment rate fell by half a percentage point between August and September, to 5.9 percent.

Employment increased seasonally in the month, growing by about 10,100 to 2,233,800. The number of nonfarm payroll jobs in the state grew by a larger amount, which has been unusual during the recovery, increasing by 21,700 jobs to 1,977,300. This increase was primarily due to the return to work of employees in schools and colleges following summer vacations. State and local government employment, which includes the bulk of such workers, showed a seasonal gain of 22,200 in September. The other nonfarm payroll sectors showed little change, on balance. A gain of 2700 jobs in the motor vehicles and equipment industry, following the end of model changeover layoffs, was offset by small decreases in other durable goods and nondurable goods manufacturing and seasonal declines in construction and services.

Compared to September 1983, nonagricultural wage and salary employment is up by 32,500 jobs, with gains of 4600 in motor vehicles and equipment, 8400 in other durable goods manufacturing, 6500 in trade, 5200 in state and local government, and 4900 in utilities making up most of the increase.

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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
5-YEAR HISTORICAL SERIES

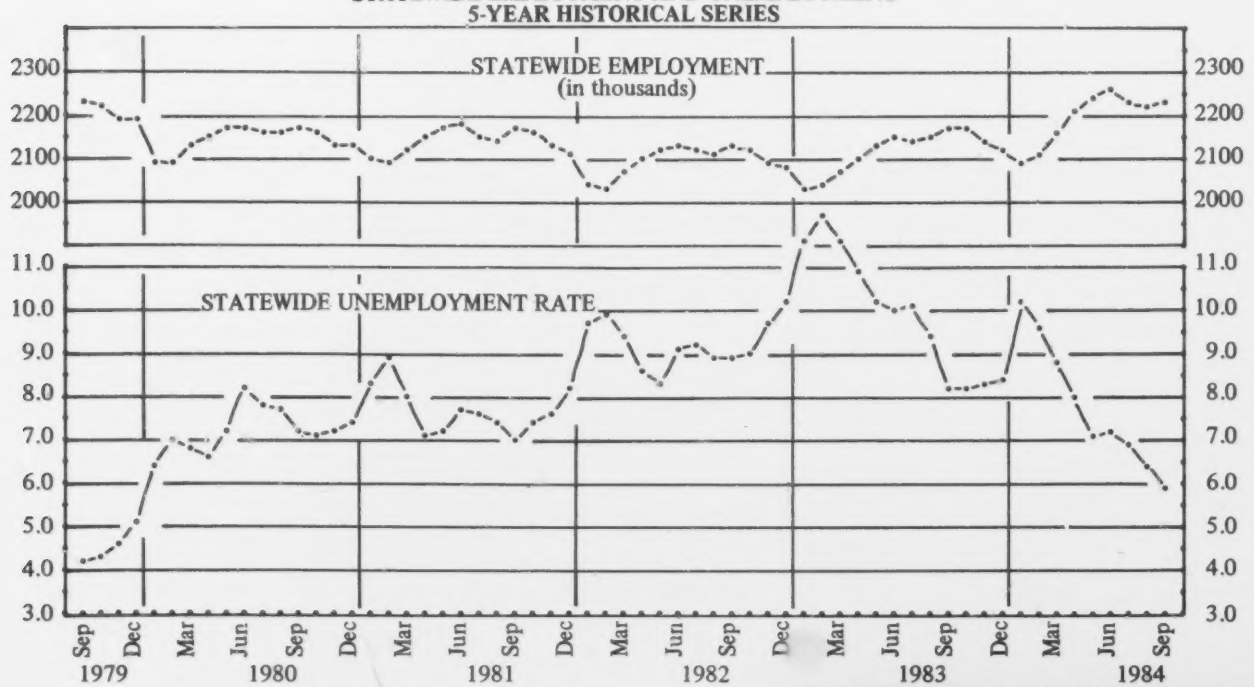

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TABLE 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - SEP 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - AUG 1984 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - SEP 1983 (BENCHMARKED 1983)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2373758	2233768	139990	5.9	2376077	2223642	152435	6.4	2363056	2168910	194146	8.2
ST. LOUIS SMSA	1151878	1070145	81733	7.1	1162403	1075049	87354	7.5	1148918	1042680	106238	9.2
KANSAS CITY SMSA	689804	657740	32064	4.6	698400	660934	37466	5.4	685002	638991	46011	6.7
SPRINGFIELD SMSA	116650	111248	5402	4.6	114223	108821	5402	4.7	114702	107294	7408	6.5
COLUMBIA SMSA	59837	57783	2054	3.4	58363	56253	2110	3.6	55753	53520	2233	4.0
JOPLIN SMSA	58325	55009	3316	5.7	58292	54522	3770	6.5	57898	52733	5165	8.9
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	45344	41735	3609	8.0	45918	42400	3518	7.7	45877	41711	4166	9.1
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	15749	14998	751	4.8	15582	14749	833	5.3	16252	15365	887	5.5
ATCHISON	4458	4163	295	6.6	4384	4045	339	7.7	5481	5286	195	3.6
AUDRAIN	11269	10614	655	5.8	11222	10584	638	5.7	10985	10164	821	7.5
BARRY	11553	11013	540	4.7	11487	10912	575	5.0	11614	10746	868	7.5
BARTON	5100	4973	127	2.5	5153	5012	141	2.7	5121	4867	254	5.0
BATES	7775	7442	333	4.3	7644	7256	388	5.1	8016	7316	700	8.7
BENTON	5588	5272	316	5.7	5449	5159	290	5.3	5517	5056	461	8.4
BOLLINGER	3125	2767	358	11.5	3010	2594	416	13.8	3161	2671	490	15.5
BUTLER	16765	15496	1269	7.6	16300	14977	1323	8.1	15650	13975	1675	10.7
CALDWELL	3778	3604	174	4.6	3597	3394	203	5.6	3877	3605	272	7.0
CALLAWAY	18524	17265	1259	6.8	18484	17163	1321	7.1	20891	19496	1395	6.7
CAMDEN	13869	13235	634	4.6	14567	13940	627	4.3	12271	11528	743	6.1
CAPE GIRARDEAU	31384	29896	1488	4.7	30348	28729	1619	5.3	30987	28992	1995	6.4
CARROLL	4723	4489	234	5.0	4551	4274	277	6.1	4801	4420	381	7.9
CARTER	2692	2395	297	11.0	2722	2454	268	9.8	2883	2580	303	10.5
CEDAR	4506	4229	277	6.1	4471	4196	275	6.2	4633	4217	416	9.0
CHARITON	5156	4848	308	6.0	4976	4663	313	6.3	5054	4618	436	8.6
CLARK	3345	3155	190	5.7	3363	3126	237	7.0	3478	3122	356	10.2
CLINTON	7524	7174	350	4.7	7531	7086	445	5.9	7340	6855	485	6.6
COLE/OSAGE LMA	37066	34839	2227	6.0	37218	34813	2405	6.5	36220	33717	2503	6.9
COOPER	7200	6876	324	4.5	6884	6480	404	5.9	7373	6972	401	5.4
CRAWFORD	7452	6952	500	6.7	7613	7047	566	7.4	7200	6516	684	9.5
DADE	3984	3857	127	3.2	3863	3696	167	4.3	3928	3737	191	4.9
DALLAS	4647	4353	294	6.3	4602	4283	319	6.9	4733	4311	422	8.9
DAVIESS	3156	3000	156	4.9	3089	2914	175	5.7	3125	2760	365	11.7
DEKALB	3412	3258	154	4.5	3325	3130	195	5.9	3388	3171	217	6.4
DENT	5938	5380	558	9.4	5824	5249	575	9.9	6256	5242	1014	16.2
DOUGLAS	4660	4209	451	9.7	4681	4214	467	10.0	4734	4163	571	12.1
DUNKLIN	13532	12396	1136	8.4	13209	11906	1303	9.9	13353	11538	1815	13.6
GASCONADE	7193	6753	440	6.1	7103	6648	455	6.4	7007	6604	403	5.8
GENTRY	4025	3894	131	3.3	3866	3720	146	3.8	4003	3741	262	6.5
GRUNDY	5195	4927	268	5.2	5135	4837	298	5.8	5459	4943	516	9.5
HARRISON	5195	4992	203	3.9	5075	4856	219	4.3	5159	4837	322	6.2
HENRY	9777	9363	414	4.2	9812	9388	424	4.3	9402	8671	731	7.8
HICKORY	2544	2409	135	5.3	2520	2356	164	6.5	2344	2156	188	8.0
HOLT	3626	3474	152	4.2	3485	3333	152	4.4	3527	3380	147	4.2
HOWARD	4622	4440	182	3.9	4536	4315	221	4.9	4756	4492	264	5.6
HOWELL	13257	12110	1147	8.7	13125	12028	1097	8.4	13126	11940	1186	9.0
IRON	4407	3601	806	18.3	4389	3600	789	18.0	4654	3872	782	16.8
JOHNSON	16015	15499	516	3.2	15079	14531	548	3.6	14874	14020	854	5.7
KNOX	2450	2286	164	6.7	2426	2252	174	7.2	2583	2350	233	9.0
LACLEDE	11167	10424	743	6.7	11069	10192	877	7.9	11411	10553	858	7.5
LAFAYETTE	14707	14026	681	4.6	14251	13491	760	5.3	14507	13598	909	6.3
LAWRENCE	12314	11589	725	5.9	12247	11502	745	6.1	11805	10836	969	8.2

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LEWIS	5580	5181	399	7.2	5441	5001	440	8.1	5576	4851	725	13.0
LINCOLN	10302	9614	688	6.7	10404	9710	694	6.7	10442	9551	891	8.5
LINN	7700	7103	597	7.8	7617	7077	540	7.1	8199	7161	1038	12.7
LIVINGSTON	6713	6290	423	6.3	6540	6124	416	6.4	6848	6229	619	9.0
MACON	7102	6692	410	5.8	6809	6398	411	6.0	7061	6506	555	7.9
MADISON	3697	3360	337	9.1	3662	3353	309	8.4	4008	3525	483	12.1
MARIES	2594	2321	273	10.5	2638	2334	304	11.5	2660	2404	256	9.6
MARION/RALLS LMA	18410	17138	1272	6.9	18504	17204	1300	7.0	18883	17019	1864	9.9
MCDONALD	5857	5487	370	6.3	5683	5274	409	7.2	5859	5328	531	9.1
MERCER	1904	1842	62	3.3	1777	1715	62	3.5	2025	1937	88	4.3
MILLER	10833	10124	709	6.5	11133	10388	745	6.7	10366	9489	877	8.5
MISSISSIPPI	6641	6025	616	9.3	6603	5865	738	11.2	6527	5716	811	12.4
MONITEAU	5002	4616	386	7.7	4779	4421	358	7.5	4937	4597	340	6.9
MONROE	4952	4752	200	4.0	4972	4766	206	4.1	4600	4340	260	5.7
MONTGOMERY	5228	4943	285	5.5	5327	4987	340	6.4	5412	5015	397	7.3
MORGAN	6202	5730	472	7.6	6156	5670	486	7.9	5786	5223	563	9.7
NEW MADRID	11790	11008	782	6.6	11611	10727	884	7.6	11180	10246	934	8.4
NODAWAY	10544	10234	310	2.9	10149	9787	362	3.6	10537	10027	510	4.8
OREGON	3105	2813	292	9.4	3041	2714	327	10.8	2888	2585	303	10.5
OZARK	4482	4188	294	6.6	4520	4134	386	8.5	4048	3823	225	5.6
PEMISCOT	8564	7701	863	10.1	8660	7321	1339	15.5	8359	7245	1114	13.3
PERRY	7235	6839	396	5.5	7345	6847	498	6.8	7001	6534	467	6.7
PETTIS	16788	15704	1084	6.5	16427	15309	1118	6.8	16391	14869	1522	9.3
PHELPS	15704	14835	869	5.5	14769	13915	854	5.8	15285	14116	1169	7.6
PIKE	7113	6526	587	8.3	6807	6241	566	8.3	7333	6669	664	9.1
POLK	8740	8273	467	5.3	8366	7845	521	6.2	8515	7997	518	6.1
PULASKI	8890	8270	620	7.0	8965	8232	733	8.2	8871	8035	836	9.4
PUTNAM	3064	2920	144	4.7	2930	2760	170	5.8	3166	2943	223	7.0
RANDOLPH	11547	10965	582	5.0	11445	10810	635	5.5	11523	10562	961	8.3
REYNOLDS	2354	2067	287	12.2	2340	2044	296	12.6	2770	2192	578	20.9
RIPLEY	3240	2938	302	9.3	3072	2741	331	10.8	3312	2786	526	15.9
SALINE	13765	13137	628	4.6	13921	12553	1368	9.8	13939	13175	764	5.5
SCOTLAND	2467	2365	102	4.1	2419	2301	118	4.9	2604	2420	184	7.1
SCOTT	17448	16119	1329	7.6	17072	15561	1511	8.9	17619	15825	1794	10.2
SHANNON	3095	2762	333	10.8	3090	2738	352	11.4	3111	2644	467	15.0
SHELBY	3384	3249	135	4.0	3159	3031	128	4.1	3428	3262	166	4.8
ST. CLAIR	3913	3738	175	4.5	3754	3562	192	5.1	3942	3649	293	7.4
ST. FRANCOIS	20339	18506	1833	9.0	20200	18309	1891	9.4	19724	17389	2335	11.8
STE. GENEVIEVE	5674	5304	370	6.5	5791	5375	416	7.2	5872	5299	573	9.8
STODDARD	12630	11590	1040	8.2	12327	11276	1051	8.5	12551	11162	1389	11.1
STONE	8416	7916	500	5.9	9009	8493	516	5.7	8190	7584	606	7.4
SULLIVAN	3504	3339	165	4.7	3470	3277	193	5.6	3485	3262	223	6.4
TANEY	16017	15362	655	4.1	17344	16671	673	3.9	15036	14260	776	5.2
TEXAS	7918	6961	957	12.1	7596	6719	877	11.5	7826	6917	909	11.6
VERNON	9473	9092	381	4.0	9378	8990	388	4.1	9828	9257	571	5.8
WARREN	6461	6060	401	6.2	6172	5818	354	5.7	5966	5421	545	9.1
WASHINGTON	4550	3797	753	16.5	4554	3724	830	18.2	4608	3588	1020	22.1
WAYNE	4247	3762	485	11.4	4224	3705	519	12.3	4101	3550	551	13.4
WEBSTER	7732	7190	542	7.0	7385	6765	620	8.4	7717	6943	774	10.0
WORTH	1175	1125	50	4.3	1073	1017	56	5.2	1219	1094	125	10.3
WRIGHT	7560	6897	663	8.8	7222	6530	692	9.6	7390	6718	662	9.0

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
SEPTEMBER, 1984

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1977.3	1955.6	1944.8									
Total Manufacturing	421.4	419.4	408.6	380.43	370.26	368.42	40.3	39.6	40.8	9.44	9.35	9.03
Durable Goods	240.6	238.2	227.6	417.36	402.40	405.87	41.2	40.0	41.5	10.13	10.06	9.78
Lumber & Wood Products	9.6	9.6	8.9	240.73	238.55	222.12	39.4	39.3	38.9	6.11	6.07	5.71
Furniture & Fixtures	9.1	9.3	8.8	329.94	317.05	298.33	43.7	42.5	41.9	7.55	7.46	7.12
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.8	11.0	11.1	418.61	422.42	410.75	40.8	41.7	41.7	10.26	10.13	9.85
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.2	621.19	543.10	517.40	42.9	40.2	39.8	14.48	13.51	13.00
Structural Clay Prod.	2.3	2.4	2.3	457.20	438.75	433.31	40.0	39.0	39.9	11.43	11.25	10.86
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.5	7.6	7.6	382.58	402.57	389.66	40.7	42.6	42.4	9.40	9.45	9.19
Primary Metal Industries	13.6	13.7	12.6	403.17	399.90	447.01	37.4	37.2	40.6	10.78	10.75	11.01
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.1	2.1	1.7	347.33	346.39	343.17	40.2	40.8	39.4	8.64	8.49	8.71
Non-Ferrous Foundries	2.7	2.7	2.5	347.71	346.83	332.77	42.3	42.4	41.7	8.22	8.18	7.98
Other Primary Metals	8.8	8.9	8.4	438.69	434.82	515.97	34.9	34.4	40.5	12.57	12.64	12.74
Fabricated Metal Products	28.8	28.6	27.6	381.19	383.76	392.06	40.9	41.0	41.4	9.32	9.36	9.47
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	10.0	9.8	9.9	359.88	375.72	372.01	40.3	41.7	40.5	8.93	9.01	9.21
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	18.8	18.8	17.7									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.3	31.4	30.4	391.04	384.54	401.06	39.3	39.0	40.8	9.95	9.86	9.82
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	49.3	49.1	45.4	378.71	362.60	359.68	41.8	40.2	41.2	9.06	9.02	8.73
Transportation Equipment	69.3	66.7	64.2	565.49	536.14	537.11	43.2	40.1	42.9	13.09	13.37	12.52
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	30.7	28.0	26.1	586.49	542.47	555.36	44.6	39.8	44.5	13.15	13.63	12.48
Other Transportation Equip.	38.6	38.7	38.1	529.58	526.58	508.64	40.8	40.6	40.4	12.98	12.97	12.59
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.8	11.8	11.8	321.20	318.37	323.90	40.2	40.3	42.9	7.99	7.90	7.55
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.0	7.0	6.8	263.84	258.82	254.48	38.8	38.4	39.7	6.80	6.74	6.41
Nondurable Goods	180.8	181.2	181.0	333.98	328.77	323.20	39.2	39.0	40.0	8.52	8.43	8.08
Food & Kindred Products	45.3	45.1	45.6	395.65	395.38	381.44	41.0	41.1	43.1	9.65	9.62	8.85
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	11.9	11.8	11.7	276.98	265.95	295.49	39.4	39.4	43.2	7.03	6.75	6.84
Dairy Products	6.4	6.5	6.4	386.53	380.46	361.99	42.9	42.7	41.8	9.01	8.91	8.66
Grain Mill Products	6.9	6.9	7.4	447.93	447.02	467.63	43.7	43.4	46.3	10.25	10.30	10.10
Bakery Products	5.8	5.7	5.9	386.15	385.39	377.72	37.6	37.2	38.9	10.27	10.36	9.71
Beverages	10.3	10.3	10.1	601.11	609.19	474.65	41.2	42.1	42.8	14.59	14.47	11.09

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prod.	4.0	3.9	4.1	400.44	420.26	410.08	41.8	41.9	44.0	9.58	10.03	9.32
Textile & Apparel	25.5	25.7	26.1	193.48	192.58	196.79	36.3	36.2	37.2	5.33	5.32	5.29
Paper & Allied Products	12.9	13.1	12.7	374.40	366.71	352.15	41.2	40.7	40.9	9.08	9.01	8.61
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.6	6.6	6.3	373.93	369.65	359.68	40.6	40.8	41.2	9.21	9.06	8.73
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.3	6.5	6.4	373.63	363.78	344.29	41.7	40.6	40.6	8.96	8.96	8.48
Printing & Publishing	38.1	38.2	36.9	382.59	376.94	386.14	39.0	38.7	37.2	9.81	9.74	10.38
Commercial Printing	12.6	12.6	12.0	461.25	446.07	480.57	42.2	40.7	37.9	10.93	10.96	12.68
Other Printing & Publishing	25.5	25.6	24.9	306.59	311.70	304.88	35.9	36.8	36.6	8.54	8.47	8.33
Chemicals & Allied Products	28.1	28.3	27.5	475.25	458.29	425.15	42.7	42.2	42.6	11.13	10.86	9.98
Leather & Leather Products	17.8	18.0	19.4	181.79	174.68	194.93	34.3	33.4	37.2	5.30	5.23	5.24
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.3	14.4	15.1	175.21	171.34	189.37	33.5	33.4	36.7	5.23	5.13	5.16
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	3.5	3.6	4.3	209.81	190.85	212.24	37.6	33.6	38.8	5.58	5.68	5.47
Other Nondurable Goods	13.1	12.8	12.8	303.28	306.53	302.00	40.6	41.2	41.2	7.47	7.44	7.33
Total Nonmanufacturing	1555.9	1536.2	1536.2									
Mining	6.0	6.0	6.6									
Construction	81.9	83.0	81.0									
Transportation & Public Util.	137.2	135.7	132.3									
Railroad Transportation	13.4	13.4	13.3									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	66.7	65.1	66.3									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	57.1	57.2	52.7									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	467.2	466.8	460.7									
Wholesale Trade	126.7	126.6	125.1									
Retail Trade	340.5	340.2	335.6									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	109.8	110.7	110.4									
Services	418.6	420.3	416.4									
Government	335.2	313.7	328.8									
Federal Government	69.7	70.4	68.5									
State & Local Government	265.5	243.3	260.3									

Prepared by the Missouri Division of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Estimates are based on monthly reports from cooperating establishments.

Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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Total employment – the estimate of the number of employed residents in the state -- is up by nearly 65,000 from the year earlier, but the growth of the labor force continues to be surprisingly slow. As of September, the civilian labor force estimate for the state was only about 10,700 larger than in the previous September. Because of this slow growth, the gain of nearly 65,000 in total employment translated into a decrease of unemployment of more than 54,000. In other words, in the past 12 months, estimated employment growth has been sufficient to absorb the small growth in the labor force and simultaneously decrease the jobless total significantly.

The factory workweek climbed by seven-tenths of an hour to 40.3 hours in September. Average hourly earnings were also up, increasing by 9 cents to $9.44. As a result, average weekly earnings climbed by $10.17 to $380.43. This represents a gain of 3.3 percent from September 1983, when the early phases of the recovery had quickly forced the workweek up to 40.8 hours. Average hourly earnings have climbed by 4.5 percent in the same period.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

The rate of growth inflation-adjusted gross national product slowed markedly in third quarter, dropping from a 7.1 percent annual rate in the second quarter to a 2.7 percent rate in the third quarter. Although a slowdown had been seen as inevitable, possibly even beneficial, the rate of slowing was sharper than expected. Growth in consumer spending had been essentially flat in the third quarter, and a rebound which began in September is expected to buoy the economy in the final months of the year.

The economic slowdown in the third quarter appears to have been reflected in the nation's labor markets, as seasonally adjusted total employment grew by only 55,000 in the period, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.5 percent. Nonfarm payroll employment, on the other hand, increased by 728,000 jobs between the second and third quarters. This measure of employment seems to have caught up with the total employment measure; both have now grown by about 6 million since the end of the recession in late 1982.

OUTLOOK

With economic growth occurring at a slower rate and the seasonal improvements now behind us, the next few months should see Missouri employment gradually edging down and unemployment starting to edge up. Little change, other than seasonal, is expected in the short run.

TABLE 3. SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI – SEPTEMBER, 1984

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,373,800	2,376,000	2,363,000	-2,200	10,800
Total Employed	2,233,800	2,223,600	2,168,900	10,200	64,900
Total Unemployed	140.000	152,400	194,100	-12,400	-54,100
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	5.9	6.4	8.2	-0.5	-2.3
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,977,300	1,955,600	1,944,800	21,700	32,500
Manufacturing	421,400	419,400	408,600	2,000	12,800
Durable Goods	240,600	238,200	227,600	2,400	13,000
Nondurable Goods	180,800	181,200	181,000	-400	-200
Nonmanufacturing	1,555,900	1,536,200	1,536,200	19,700	19,700
State Initial Claims (Wkly. Avg.)	5,676	8,396	6,984	-2,720	-1,308
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	32,172	43,599	47,807	-11,427	-15,635
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.9	2.4	2.7	-0.5	-0.8
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	2,913	3,671	5,120	-758	-2,207
Amount of Benefits Paid	$10,160,269	$13,036,040	$13,853,494	-$2,875,771	-$3,693,225
State U.I.	9,915,859	12,733,750	13,488,303	-2,817,891	-3,572,444
UCFE	121,755	155,368	146,370	-33,613	-24,615
UCX	122,655	146,922	218,821	-24,267	-96,166

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Area includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the Area has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

SEPTEMBER, 1984

FRANCIENA KING, ANALYST

The Area's unemployment rate dipped below five per cent in September 1984. The rate at 4.6 per cent was at its lowest since 1979. The reopening of Area schools and the return to work of many nonfaculty school personnel and school bus operators were the factors responsible for September's lower rate and lower unemployment. The withdrawal of summer job seekers from the work force contributed to the decline in the number of jobless and the shrinkage in the overall civilian labor force. Total civilian employment, by place-of-residence, also declined over the month, continuing the downward trend which began in June. In contrast to the total civilian employment, which declined by 3,200, nonagricultural wage and salaried employment edged up by almost six thousand. Compared to last year's levels in September both employment series showed a gain of roughly equal amounts - 18,500 for payroll employment in the Area and 18,800 for place-of-residence civilian employment. The civilian labor force was up moderately over the 1983 level, while unemployment was down substantially by 13,900 over-the-year.

Wage and salaried employment in September 1984 was 633,800, up by 5,900 from the August 1983 total of 627,900. The increase occurred primarily as a result of seasonal labor movements in nonmanufacturing. The reopening of Area schools accounted for a gain of 6,200 jobs in state and local government. A gain of 700 jobs in transportation and utilities was produced by additional jobs in school bus operations. Elsewhere in the service producing sector, construction continued its upward but slower growth rate with an additional 200 jobs. Minor seasonal job changes were recorded in wholesale trade, and federal government. A decline of 1,400 in services reflected the seasonal loss of jobs in recreation and hotels. The only other change in nonmanufacturing was a moderate decline in finance, insurance and real estate - a loss typical of the industry at this time of the year.

In manufacturing, employment had a net increase of 500. The return of automobile assemblers, who were laid off after the August plant shutdown for retooling, accounted for 600 of the total 1,100 jobs gained in the goods producing sector. Minor job gains in fabricated metals, electrical equipment, food and apparel accounted for the remaining job gains. Printing and publishing showed its normal loss during this time of year. These gains were offset by minor losses in machinery, stone, clay and glass, chemicals and other durables.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 18,500 from September 1983 to September 1984, with employment gains of 3,700 in durable goods manufacturing, 2,100 in nondurable goods manufacturing and 12,700 in nonmanufacturing. State and local government, primarily schools, showed the largest over-the-year gain, with 3,400 additional jobs. Construction with 2,900 jobs, finance, insurance and real estate with 2,000 jobs, predominantly in the real estate, credit and insurance sectors, services with 1,600 jobs and wholesale trade with another 1,600 jobs were other major employment gainers within the nonmanufacturing sector. The auto assembly industry, electrical equipment and printing and publishing, with a combined increase of 4,600 or 50 per cent of the total manufacturing increase, topped the list of the biggest gainers in manufacturing. The only losses recorded over last year's levels were in manufacturing; machinery lost 700 jobs, and stone, clay and glass and food each lost 100 jobs.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 32,100 in September 1984 for 4.6 per cent of the labor force, compared to 37,500 in August 1984 for 5.4 per cent of the labor force and 46,000 in September 1983 for 6.7 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

The Area's unemployment rate is expected to show little change in October 1984. Construction employment is expected to taper off. Employment in the service producing sector will show a significant drop over the month. Wholesale and retail trade will begin to pick up as it normally does at this time of the year in preparation for the holiday buying season. Some automobile assemblers may be temporarily laid off due to a lack of parts as a result of strikes elsewhere in the economy. Unemployment is expected to be 4.6 per cent of the labor force in October 1984, compared to 4.6 per cent in September and 6.6 per cent in October 1983.

In November 1984, the unemployment rate may edge down sligthly as the anticipated increased activity in retail trade and the moderate slow down in construction activity will partially offset the substantial losses in services. Unemployment is expected to be 4.4 per cent of the labor force in November 1984, compared to 6.4 per cent in November 1983.

KANSAS CITY AREA-
MISSOURI JOB SERVICE STATISTICS

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 29,195 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of June 1984. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	16.1
	22-44	67.5
	45 and over	16.4
Sex:	Male	60.0
	Female	40.0
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	33.0
	Other Non-White	1.1
	Hispanic	2.0

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	51.0
Veterans	21.7
Handicapped	2.8

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated September 30, 1984.

JOB PLACEMENTS

During September 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,805 and job placements totaled 2,825. There were 1,390 veteran referrals in September 1984, with 301 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated September 30, 1984.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) SEPTEMBER, 1984

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	15.5	16.7	16.1
25-34	38.9	34.8	36.9
35-44	22.6	22.9	22.3
45-54	13.1	14.4	13.7
55-64	9.0	9.5	9.2
65 and over	0.6	1.6	1.2
Unreported	0.3	0.1	0.6

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agriculture	0.5
Mining	0.2
Construction	5.6
Manufacturing	24.0
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	4.6
Wholesale & Retail Trade	19.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.7
Services	33.0
All Other	8.9
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	14.8
Clerical	20.1
Sales	3.9
Services	15.6
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0.6
Processing	2.2
Machine Trades	5.7
Bench Work	5.0
Structural Work	8.7
Miscellaneous	14.8
Information not available	8.6

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 5,261; 2,808 were male and 2,446 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March 1983)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data: September, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	633,800	627,900	615,300	+5,900	+18,500
Total Manufacturing	117,200	116,700	111,400	+500	+5,800
Durable Goods	67,500	66,900	63,800	+600	+3,700
Lumber & Furniture	2,900	2,900	2,700	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,800	3,900	3,900	-100	-100
Primary Metal Industries	3,600	3,600	3,200	0	+400
Fabricated Metal Products	9,500	9,400	9,000	+100	+500
Machinery Except Electrical	8,000	8,100	8,700	-100	-700
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,800	21,600	10,100	+200	+1,700
Transportation Equipment	14,300	13,700	12,600	+600	+1,700
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,100)	(13,500)	(12,400)	(+600)	(+1,700)
Other Durable Goods	3,600	3,700	3,600	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	49,700	49,800	47,600	-100	+2,100
Food & Kindred Products	9,300	9,200	9,400	+100	-100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,700	2,600	2,300	+100	+400
Paper & Allied Products	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	18,800	19,000	17,600	-200	+1,200
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,500	8,600	8,200	-100	+300
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	500	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	+200
Total Nonmanufacturing	516,600	511,200	503,900	+5,400	+12,700
Mining & Quarrying	600	600	500	0	+100
Construction	27,300	27,100	24,400	+200	+2,900
Transportation & Utilities	50,500	49,800	50,200	+700	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	160,900	160,800	158,900	+100	+2,000
Wholesale Trade	(52,900)	(52,800)	(51,300)	(+100)	(+1,600)
Retail Trade	(108,000)	(108,000)	(107,600)	(0)	(+400)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	49,200	49,500	47,200	-300	+2,000
Services	139,900	141,300	138,300	-1,400	+1,600
Government	88,200	82,100	84,400	+6,100	+3,800
Federal Government	(23,500)	(23,600)	(23,100)	(-100)	(+400)
State & Local Government	(64,700)	(58,500)	(61,300)	(+6,200)	(+3,400)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	200	100	-100	0

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data: September, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$436.72	$424.66	$414.06	41.2	40.1	41.2	$10.60	$10.59	$10.05
DURABLE GOODS	464.84	446.16	446.84	41.1	39.8	41.8	11.31	11.21	10.69
Lumber & Furniture	332.22	321.55	306.54	42.0	40.6	39.1	7.91	7.92	7.84
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	492.96	521.53	488.31	39.0	39.6	41.7	12.64	13.17	11.71
Primary Metal Industries	404.64	402.15	409.11	38.5	38.3	39.3	10.51	10.50	10.41
Fabricated Metal Products	366.80	365.48	358.15	40.0	39.9	39.4	9.17	9.16	9.09
Machinery Exc. Electrical	412.51	412.52	417.99	39.1	39.4	40.7	10.55	10.47	10.27
Elect. Equip. & Supplies	470.05	456.29	416.22	42.5	41.9	42.0	11.06	10.89	9.91
Transportation Equipment	603.08	538.08	616.53	42.5	38.0	45.4	14.19	14.16	13.58
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(606.05)	(541.50)	(624.26)	(42.5)	(38.0)	(45.6)	(14.26)	(14.25)	(13.69)
Other Durable Goods	239.02	242.41	215.92	37.0	37.7	37.1	6.46	6.43	5.82
NONDURABLE GOODS	386.26	388.01	358.58	41.4	40.8	40.2	9.33	9.51	8.92
Food & Kindred Products	418.47	444.78	404.98	43.5	42.0	42.9	9.62	10.59	9.44
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	200.28	191.86	200.93	35.7	34.2	36.8	5.61	5.61	5.46
Paper & Allied Products	382.39	365.98	360.96	42.3	40.8	41.3	9.04	8.97	8.74
Printing & Publishing	406.91	413.12	375.73	38.1	38.9	37.8	10.68	10.62	9.94
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	482.40	470.55	432.80	45.0	44.1	40.0	10.72	10.67	10.82
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	408.43	366.45	306.28	42.5	41.5	40.3	9.61	8.83	7.60
Other Nondurable Goods	287.73	284.01	264.45	42.5	42.2	41.0	6.77	6.73	6.45

*This series excludes industry 2771.
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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

SEPTEMBER, 1984

RUSSELL SIGNORINO, ANALYST

AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The St. Louis SMSA experienced a seasonal decline in its unemployment rate from August to September. The rate was 7.5% in August and 7.1% in September. The traditional exit of students from the labor force in September, because of the beginning of a new school year, occurred this year and caused employment (-4800) and unemployment (-5700) to both decline. During the first 6 months of 1984, the unemployment rate declined from 10.6% in January to 8.2% in June. Since that time, the rate has dropped but the decline was mainly due to normal seasonal variations. In early 1984, this year's average unemployment rate was expected to by 8.0%. But because of the leveling off of labor market activity that occurred during the 3rd. quarter, and the expected continuation of this trend during the 4th. quarter, the 1984 average unemployment rate will be about 8.3%. Over the year, unemployment declined by 24,500 and employment increased by 27,500. The September 1983 unemployment rate was 9.2%. The civilian labor force grew by only 3000 (+0.3%) since September of last year. There were 200 labor disputants in September, 2100 in August, and 400 in September 1983.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing employment declined by 100 over the month. Electrical equipment (+200), textiles (+100), printing (+100), and other nondurables (+300) were the only manufacturing industries that registered gains since August. All other industries showed small declines or remained unchanged. Over the year, manufacturing employment increased by 6900. Major gains have occurred in motor vehicles (3900), nonelectrical machinery (+1200), and aircraft (+1000). Other industries registering gains over September 1983 levels are primary and fabricated metals, printing, and chemicals. Food and kindred products (-700) and leather products (-400) still have not even recovered to last year's recession levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing employment increased 8500 over the month. The beginning of a new school year caused seasonal employment increases in transportation (+1100) and government (+6700). Private contractors who supply and operate school busses for various school districts in the area added bus drivers to their payrolls in September and caused

the transportation industry increase. Non-teaching school personnel were recalled to work in the public schools and caused government employment to increase accordingly. Construction employment, which usually begins its seasonal decline in September, increased by 900. A strike affecting 2000 Illinois construction laborers in August was settled and their return to work in September caused the construction increase. Finance, insurance and real estate was down by 500 because of the traditional September decline in real estate activity. Over the year, nonmanufacturing has added 20300 workers. Trade (+7800), construction (+6200), and services (+2500) continue to be responsible for the majority of this increase.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the SMSA were down 2100 in September from August 1984. In the Missouri portion of the SMSA they were down 1800 and in the Illinois portion they were down 300.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
INA	1	0	0	0
Agriculture	19	14	18	14
Mining	156	117	90	107
Construction	1210	733	742	734
Manufacturing Total	3014	2982	3314	2912
Food	273	310	261	255
Textile	24	24	23	27
Apparel	207	255	213	213
Lumber	28	60	22	25
Furniture	97	141	91	83
Paper	108	100	121	97
Printing	128	127	147	126
Chemicals	228	164	145	169
Petroleum	15	18	27	37
Rubber	102	110	117	108
Leather	328	334	265	261
Stone	47	42	34	32
Primary Metal	292	227	234	221
Fabricated Metal	370	329	410	342
Machinery	83	75	74	99
Electrical Machinery	158	143	179	206
Transportation Equip.	148	150	582	226
Instruments	14	14	29	18
Miscellaneous	361	356	339	365
Public Utilities	697	745	785	439
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2094	2047	2178	1834
Finance	286	278	289	284
Services	5160	4589	6087	5031
All Other	265	274	271	217
TOTAL	12902	12679	13774	11572

Of the 11,572 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in September, 1984, 52.6 percent were male and 47.4 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1574	1585	1724	1661
Clerical	2217	2061	2102	2075
Sales	628	543	575	556
Farm, Fish & Forest	48	55	74	61
Processing	224	225	223	246
Machine Trades	852	797	857	816
Bench Work	686	678	683	702
Structural Work	1085	841	843	793
Misc. Work	1503	1621	1638	1332
Domestic	42	65	67	40
Other Services	2122	2268	2417	2004
INA	1921	1940	2571	1286
TOTAL	12902	12679	13774	11572

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Minority	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	47.2	15.4	20.9	44.1	2.2
Placements, %	44.6	13.8	34.0	46.8	2.3

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1985 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	6.7	1.7
Clerical	19.1	13.8
Sales	17.8	26.3
Processing	1.2	1.4
Machine Trades	5.0	5.2
Bench Work	2.9	3.6
Structural Work	5.4	6.0
Motor Freight & Transportation	3.2	2.7
Packaging & Material Handling	9.5	14.0
Domestic	1.1	1.2
Other Services	26.8	23.0
Other Occupations	1.3	1.1

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The unemployment rate for October is expected to be 7.0% and in November 7.1%.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current Data: September, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,026,200	1,017,800	999,000	+8,400	+27,200
Percent Change				+(0.8)	+(2.7)
Manufacturing	224,100	224,200	217,200	-100	+6,900
Durable Goods	140,600	141,200	133,700	-600	+6,900
Lumber & Furniture	4,400	4,500	4,600	-100	-200
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,400	3,600	0	-200
Primary Metal Industries	14,900	15,000	14,200	-100	+700
Fabricated Metal Products	17,400	17,500	16,800	-100	+600
Machinery, Except Electrical	19,000	19,000	17,800	0	+1,200
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	13,800	13,600	13,500	+200	+300
Transportation Equipment	55,500	56,000	51,000	-500	+4,500
Motor Vehicles	19,000	19,200	15,100	-200	+3,900
Aircraft & Parts	35,400	35,500	34,400	-100	+1,000
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,200	12,200	12,200	0	0
Nondurable Goods	83,500	83,000	83,500	+500	0
Food & Kindred Products	21,100	21,100	21,800	0	-700
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,400	0	-200
Beverages	8,600	8,600	8,600	0	0
Textiles & Apparel	6,900	6,800	7,000	+100	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
Printing & Publishing	15,700	15,600	15,000	+100	+700
Chemical & Allied Products	20,800	20,800	20,400	0	+400
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	5,500	5,500	5,900	0	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	5,200	4,900	5,100	+300	+100
Nonmanufacturing	802,100	793,600	781,800	+8,500	+20,300
Mining	3,900	3,900	3,400	0	+500
Construction	53,600	52,700	47,400	+900	+6,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	72,900	71,800	71,500	+1,100	+1,400
Railroads	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	+100
Transportation, Except Railroads	37,300	36,100	36,300	+1,200	+1,000
Communications & Public Utilities	27,900	28,000	27,600	-100	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	239,000	238,700	231,200	+300	+7,800
Wholesale Trade	63,000	63,100	61,000	-100	+2,000
Retail Trade	176,000	175,600	170,200	+400	+5,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	59,700	60,200	59,300	-500	+400
Service, Except Domestic	236,500	236,500	234,000	0	+2,500
Total Government	136,500	129,800	135,000	+6,700	+1,500
Total Federal Government	38,100	38,300	37,400	-200	+700
Total State & Local Government	98,400	91,500	97,600	+6,900	+800
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	200	2,100	400	+1,900	-200

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data: September, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$439.67	$431.82	$415.13	40.3	39.4	40.5	10.91	10.96	10.25
DURABLE GOODS	455.43	444.83	428.98	40.7	39.4	40.7	11.19	11.29	10.54
Lumber & Furniture	353.56	325.62	306.36	42.7	40.2	40.1	8.28	8.10	7.64
Stone, Clay & Glass	401.39	428.64	420.56	39.9	41.9	40.4	10.06	10.23	10.41
Primary Metal Industries	430.92	437.00	442.00	38.0	38.0	40.0	11.34	11.50	11.05
Fabricated Metal Products	410.10	415.11	408.70	39.7	41.1	41.2	10.33	10.10	9.92
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	433.62	418.95	427.46	39.6	38.9	41.3	10.95	10.77	10.35
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	312.00	316.38	284.90	39.0	39.4	38.5	8.00	8.03	7.40
Transportation Equipment	591.30	559.19	532.06	43.8	39.8	41.6	13.50	14.05	12.79
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	274.16	279.75	302.23	37.2	37.3	39.2	7.37	7.50	7.71
NONDURABLE GOODS	414.32	411.20	395.11	39.8	39.5	40.4	10.41	10.41	9.78
Food & Kindred Products	523.27	516.03	456.68	41.3	40.6	42.8	12.67	12.71	10.67
Textiles & Apparel	201.47	196.54	206.23	35.1	34.3	36.5	5.74	5.73	5.65
Paper & Paper Products	427.20	423.27	408.92	41.8	42.2	42.2	10.22	10.03	9.69
Printing & Publishing	409.43	413.18	420.29	38.3	38.4	36.9	10.69	10.76	11.39
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	467.58	543.58	447.20	41.6	40.9	41.6	11.25	11.09	10.75
Petroleum & Coal Products	590.10	595.16	626.12	42.0	42.3	44.0	14.05	14.07	14.23
Leather & Leather Products	198.02	185.61	208.43	36.4	34.5	39.7	5.44	5.38	5.25
Other Nondurable Goods	304.50	319.66	303.28	39.7	41.3	40.6	7.67	7.74	7.47

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SPRINGFIELD LABOR MARKET REVIEW
(GREEN AND CHRISTIAN COUNTIES)
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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The number of unemployed workers in the Springfield area, estimated at 5,400 for September, shows no change from August. The percentage of the labor force unemployed edged downward from 4.7 percent in August to 4.6 percent in September. This slight drop is in response to an expanding labor force.

During September 1983, there were 7,400 persons out of work and the rate of unemployment stood at 6.5 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Payrolled employment rose 2,300 from August to reach 93,700 in September. Most of the jump was due to seasonal changes such as the 1,700 job increase in state and local government by schools opening for the fall term. There were also significant seasonal increases in both retail trade and services during the month. Construction recorded a drop of 100 during the 30 days. In the manufacturing sector, small scattered losses accumulated to a total of 300 during the month.

Since September 1983, payrolled employment increased by 2,000. Manufacturing employment rose 1,000 to reach the current total of 19,800. During the same 12 month period, jobs in the nonmanufacturing sector were also up 1,000.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers fell from $8.27 in August to $8.22 in September this drop was fostered by an increase in the proportion of lower paid workers and less overtime worked in some nondurable manufacturing industries. Average weekly hours worked increased 1.8 hours from August to reach 41.8 in September.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Very little change in nonagricultural wage and salaried employment is expected during October. Seasonal influences will give retail trade jobs a slight boost in October with larger increases to occur in November as Christmas draws nearer. Manufacturing jobs will show some reductions during the fall months. The late October lay-offs will not lower that months totals but will be included in the November count.

The rate of unemployment is expected to remain near the current level during October. A seasonal up trend will start during November.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK- March, 1983)

Area and State Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data September, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	93,700	91,400	91,700	+2,300	+2,000
Manufacturing	19,800	20,100	18,800	-300	+1,000
Durable Goods	10,600	10,800	9,800	-200	+800
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	800	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	9,700	9,900	9,000	-200	+700
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,300	9,000	-100	+200
Food Processing	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,700	3,800	3,500	-100	+200
Nonmanufacturing	73,900	71,300	72,900	+2,600	+1,000
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,700	3,800	3,400	-100	+300
Transportation & Utilities	6,000	5,900	6,100	+100	-100
Trade	26,400	26,200	25,700	+200	+700
Finane, Insurance & Real Estate	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Services	22,300	21,600	22,200	+700	+100
Government	11,600	9,900	11,600	+1,700	0
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State and Local	10,000	8,300	10,000	+1,700	0
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: September, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$343.60	$322.53	$332.09	41.8	39.0	40.4	$8.22	$8.27	$8.22
Durable Goods	350.41	312.04	326.82	44.3	39.3	40.7	7.91	7.94	8.03
Nondurable Goods	333.49	338.03	338.80	38.2	38.5	40.0	8.73	8.78	8.47
Food & Kindred Products	364.72	366.03	375.90	40.3	39.7	42.0	9.05	9.22	8.95
Other Nondurable Goods	316.83	321.30	318.20	37.1	37.8	38.9	8.54	8.50	8.18

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